

0697-2468 or 0362-001

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1-22.

REMARKS

Applicants request consideration of the above-identified application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

This application is a Rule 53(b) Divisional application of pending application Serial No. 09/101,860 (“the '860 application”), filed July 16, 1998.

Applicants have filed the present Divisional application to prosecute and obtain allowance of subject matter present in the parent application that was restricted out during prosecution of the '860 application. Specifically, this Divisional application is directed to methods for producing a complex for the delivery of pharmacological compounds (claims 24-28) and to a method for purifying a pharmacological compound (claim 23). Applicants have cancelled claims that have been allowed in the '860 application, as well as claims that were restricted into other groups during prosecution of the '860 application.

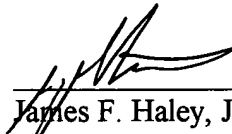
Applicants have amended the specification to update the continuity of the instant application to reflect the status of parent United States patent application

09/101,860. Applicant has also amended the specification to correct an obvious typographical error on page 7, line 23.

None of these amendments constitutes new matter.

Consideration of the application and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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